

**TABLE 3**  
*The Basic Numeracy Assessment Scale*

Task	Question
Convert a percent to a proportion	1. A person taking Drug A has a 1% chance of having an allergic reaction. If 1,000 people take Drug A, how many would you expect to have an allergic reaction? —person(s) out of 1,000
Convert a proportion to a percent	2. A person taking Drug B has a 1 in 1,000 chance of an allergic reaction. What percent of people taking Drug B will have an allergic reaction? —%
Basic probability	3. Imagine that I flip a coin 1,000 times. What is your best guess about how many times the coin would come up heads in 1,000 flips? —times out of 1,000